



## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

### Epitaphs.

Here rest the remains of that poor  
dub,  
John Archibald McEwing;  
He stood up in the German club  
And sang "God Save the King."  
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Here lies what's left of Heinrich  
Hay,  
Who was a friend of mine  
'Ere the mutts strolled through Oys-  
ter Bay  
And sang "Die Wacht am Rhein."  
—Columbia State.

Here repose, in peace and quiet,  
The bones of Henry Skidders;  
He walked into the White House  
and  
Remarked: "Beware of vidders."  
—Mac'n Telegraph.

Here rest the bones of Aaron Skeet-  
ing.  
And here they are likely to stay;  
He went into an Irish meeting  
And praised the A. P. A.  
—Savannah Press.

A splash and bubbles marked the  
end  
Of Alexander Reese;  
He climbed aboard the ship of Ford  
And shouted, "Down with peace."  
Nashville Banner.

Here flies Villa who when ruling  
Cut a mighty swath in Mexico.  
Till Uncle Sam got tired of fooling,  
Now he has nowhere to go.

The Press boys will meet in Lex-  
ington next week. Sorry we can't  
be there.

Capt. Geo. C. Norton, one of  
Louisville's best known citizens, died  
Dec. 22, aged 79 years.

Lloyd Bingham, a member of the  
Ford Peace party, a New York stock  
broker, died of pneumonia in Chris-  
tiana, Norway, Thursday.

M. Skouloudis, the aged Greek  
premier, is tired of his job and wants  
to resign in favor of M. Gornaris,  
who won in the recent elections.

Serbian complain that their de-  
feat was due to the insistence of the  
insistence of the allies that they  
wait on diplomatic negotiations that  
failed, when they wanted to attack  
Bulgaria before she had time to get  
ready.

The Kentuckian greets its readers  
as usual this Christmas morning. It  
has been more than 30 years since it  
has missed an issue for any reason.  
It will be on hand again Tuesday.  
It may be a little disfigured and not  
up to the usual standard, but it will  
still be in the ring and will come out  
in some form or other and live up to  
its reputation of never missing an  
issue. To each of its friends it wishes  
a merry, merry Christmas.

Pittsburg is to have a great con-  
vention hall.

## POLLED DURHAMS

Are Selected As Breed of Beef  
Cattle For Christian  
County.

A DUAL PURPOSE BREED  
Cattle Breeders Association  
Organized For Standariza-  
tion Purpose.

The second meeting of the cattle  
breeders at the H. B. M. A., Tues-  
day was more largely attended than  
the first and the organization was  
perfected and the breed of cattle se-  
lected for the members.

The selection of the breed pro-  
voked a lively discussion in which  
the good points of all dual purpose  
breeds were freely brought out.  
When the question was voted upon  
the Polled Durhams won out and  
the selection was acquiesced in by  
the advocates of other breeds. The  
Polled Durhams are a branch of the  
Shorthorn family, with the horns  
missing entirely. The Polled Dur-  
ham is highly desirable for beef pur-  
poses, being a large well propor-  
tioned and meaty animal, yet at the  
same time the cows will furnish ex-  
ample milk for a family when that fea-  
ture has to be considered by the  
small raiser of cattle of beef cattle.

R. H. McGaughey, of this county,  
has a very fine herd of these cattle  
and they have attracted much at-  
tention at the recent fairs. Their  
distinctive feature is the entire ab-  
sence of horns.

The members of the organization  
will not compete for prizes as will  
be done in the production of White  
Wyandotte chickens, but they will  
adopt the Polled Durhams and  
breed them exclusively and attempt  
to make Christian county known as  
the home of this breed.

County Agent Casey is very en-  
thusiastically advocating the standardiza-  
tion of cattle breeding, poultry breed-  
ing and similar co-operative meas-  
ures and it is due to his efforts that  
the lively interest has been aroused.

### GOODBYE BOOKS!

Pupils In The Schools Free For  
Ten Days.

The city schools closed for the hol-  
idays Thursday with an attractive  
program in which the various classes  
participated. The program was as  
follows:

Quartet.....Senior Boys  
Recitation.....Miss Mary Joe Wallace  
Solo.....Miss Lily Claggett  
Recitation.....Miss Ruth Jarrett  
Solo.....Miss Dena May Brackrogge  
Solo.....Miss Ruth Witt

### TOP PRICE.

W. S. Waller, of Trenton, sold  
1000 bushels of wheat to his local  
mill this week at \$1.20.

## AS HEIRS OF MISS WILLIS

Misses Elizabeth Jones Hail  
and Alice Radford Sue  
Trust Company.

FORTUNE IN LITIGATION  
Claim Bonds Revert to Them  
Under Contract With The  
Late Miss Willis.

The Fidelity & Columbia Trust  
Company was named defendant in a  
suit filed in Circuit Court by Eliza-  
beth Jones Hail, of Nashville, Tenn.,  
and Alice Radford, of Hopkinsville,  
in which they seek to recover \$32,-  
000 worth of securities alleged to be  
held by the defendant company and  
which the plaintiffs claim revert to  
them by the terms of a contract en-  
tered into May 10, 1907, between the  
defendant company and Margaret  
Dean Willis.

It is alleged that by the terms of  
the contract the securities were as-  
signed to the defendant company by  
Margaret Dean Willis and the latter  
was to receive the income therefrom  
as long as she lived; that at the time  
of her death if she failed to name  
any person in her will to receive the  
securities or their equivalent in mo-  
ney, they were to be given to the two  
plaintiffs outright.

The petitioners alleged that no one  
was appointed by the said Margaret  
Dean Willis to receive the securities,  
and that although they are entitled  
to them under the trust agreement  
the defendant company has failed  
and refused to turn them over to  
the plaintiffs, although demand has  
been made for them. The petition-  
ers aver that Margaret Dean Willis  
died October 22, 1909, without mak-  
ing any change in the trust agree-  
ment of May 20, 1907.—Louisville  
Courier-Journal.

Miss Willis, a short while before  
her death was married to a man in  
Evansville named Weintz.

Miss Willis at the time of her  
marriage was in a declining condi-  
tion from an incurable malady and lived  
only a few weeks. Almost immedi-  
ately after her marriage she made a  
new will leaving her money to her  
husband, Mr. Weintz. After her  
death Weintz was paid the money  
and then married again. About a  
year ago he and his second wife  
were both killed in an automobile  
accident. He left no children and  
his property is claimed by relatives.  
The suit is brought to recover it,  
the contention being that the second  
will was not a legal document.

### Mob After Negro.

Joe Robinson, a negro arrested  
by state officers on complaint that  
he sent through the mails an im-  
proper letter to a white woman in  
in Sumpter county, is in jail at Col-  
umbus, Ga., after officers  
had rushed him through parts of  
four counties in an effort to elude a  
mob said to be seeking him.

## TOBACCO ROLLING IN

579,000 Lbs. Sold In Four Days  
Nearly All of It Trashy Types  
and Poor Stuff.

AVERAGE PRICE ONLY \$4.31  
Sales Suspended Until Next  
Week—Inspector's First  
Report.

Tobacco sales for the week were  
closed Thursday afternoon, the near  
approach of Christmas making it ad-  
visable to put off further sales until  
next week.

The trashy stuff that was dumped  
on the market caused the average  
price to get lower from day to day,  
as there is but little demand for the  
low grades, the purchasers being few  
and the rehandlers cautious at this  
stage.

The total sales aggregated 578,985  
pounds, a mere bagatelle compared  
with the enormous early sales last  
year. The average price was \$4.31.  
Even at this price the sales in four  
days resulted in putting about \$25,-  
000 into circulation.

Week ending Dec. 24, 1915. Unsold  
stock Jan. 1, 1915, 1,453 hogheads.  
Receipts for week.....0 Hhds.  
Receipts for year.....222 Hhds.  
Sales for week.....0 Hhds.  
Sales for year.....1438 Hhds.

### LOOSE FLOORS.

Sales for week.....578,985 lbs.  
Sales for season.....578,985 lbs.  
Total sales same date.

1914.....10,771,110  
Average price for week.....4.31  
Unsold stock.....237 Hhds.  
H. H. ABERNATHY,  
Inspector.

### Paducah Deliveries Larger.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 25.—The sec-  
ond day of the 1915 tobacco market  
was marked by larger deliveries and  
slightly better prices and order.  
The first day's deliveries totaled  
100,000 pounds, with the high price  
being \$6. Local warehousemen are  
anxious that farmers bring their to-  
bacco to market in better order,  
that brought in already being of a  
very poor order.

### Tobacco Prices Set Record.

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 24.—The  
highest price paid for leaf tobacco  
in years in this city was paid Tues-  
day by an Owensboro firm, which  
purchased several fine baskets of to-  
bacco grown by Henry L. Rainey, of  
Spottsville, at the first auction sale  
at the Birk and Lancaster loose leaf  
house. Five hundred pounds of fine  
leaf brought \$12 a hundred. Lugs,  
\$8.30 and trash, \$3.10. It is con-  
sidered the best sale made in this coun-  
ty in a number of years.

Flowers will turn to the light of  
the electric lamp just as they do to  
the sun.

## DEATH CLAIMS GOOD MAN

Thos. R. Mason Passes Away  
At His Daughter's Home  
In Missouri.

WAS HERE A WEEK AGO  
Father of Frank H. Mason and  
Had Other Near Rela-  
tives Here.

Mr. Thos. R. Mason, father of  
Frank H. Mason, of this city, died  
Wednesday night at the home of his  
daughter, Mrs. J. Will Smith, at  
Dexter, Mo.

Mr. Mason was here last fall and  
was quite feeble at that time, being  
80 years of age. He returned home  
not long ago and became ill and  
grew steadily worse from a general  
break-down and it soon became evi-  
dent that he was on his death bed.

His son went to his bedside a week  
or more ago and was with him when  
the end came.

Mr. Mason was born at Barren  
Pains, Tenn., and was for many  
years a merchant at Adairville, Ky.  
He is survived by a wife to whom he  
was married 58 years ago. Also the  
following children survive him:  
Frank H. Mason, of this city;  
Mrs. J. Will Smith, of Dexter, Mo.;  
Beeler H. Mason, of Springfield,  
Tenn.; Arthur Mason, of Nashville.  
Mr. M. O. Mason, of this city, is his  
brother and the Dalton brothers are  
his nephews.

Mr. Mason was a gallant Confed-  
erate soldier and was a life long  
member of the Baptist church.

The body passed here yesterday at  
5:35 in the afternoon, and was taken  
to Adairville for the funeral services  
and burial this morning. The ser-  
vices will be conducted by Rev. J.  
H. Wright, pastor of the Baptist  
church at Adairville.

## PERTAINING TO MATRIMONY

Several Licenses Issued For  
Marriages to Take Place  
This Week.

William Boyd and Miss Myrtle  
Jackson Gickey, both of this county,  
were married here Thursday by Rev.  
J. N. Jessup. The groom is a rail-  
road conductor.

### BAKER WAGNER.

Rev. C. H. Baker, of Ethridge,  
Tenn., and Miss Annie Elizabeth  
Wagner, of near Kirkmansville,  
were granted a license to wed Thurs-  
day.

### PETTY-HANKINS.

A marriage license was granted  
Thursday to J. D. Petty and Miss  
Maud Hankins.

Algerian brier roots are now used  
in pipe-making.

## GREECE IS VERY UNEASY

Balkans Still Center of Atten-  
tion in European War  
Situation.

QUIET FOR CHRISTMAS DAY  
Germans Retake Hartmanns-  
Weilerkopt, With Fifteen  
Hundred Prisoners.

London, Dec. 24.—Hartmanns-  
Weilerkopt, the summit of which  
the Germans claim to have retaken,  
together with over 1,500 prisoners,  
is the only point of first-class activity  
on the western front, while on  
the eastern fighting lines there has  
been little evidence of any distur-  
bance in the Christmas lull in the  
past twenty-four hours.

There have been some clashes in  
Galicia, with minor successes on both  
sides and the Russian forces in Per-  
sia are fighting 25 miles from Ter-  
heran.

But the Balkan theater maintains  
place of first importance in the war  
news despite the fact that there has  
been no severe fighting for several  
days.

The Greek public's uneasiness over  
the possibility of an early extension  
of Germanic operations to Greek  
territory increases hourly and the  
Greek domestic situation is so ruffled  
that it is stated that parliament as  
soon as it meets will declare martial  
law in order to muzzle the opposi-  
tion press which has been mercilessly  
attacking the government.

## MERCHANTS ARE PLEASED

Everybody Got a Share of  
The Big Holiday  
Trade.

Yesterday's holiday trade was  
marred by more or less rain, but it  
did not keep the holiday trade being  
a record-breaker. The merchants  
who had the foresight to advertise  
their goods had a heavy business  
that began Monday and increased in  
volume from day to day. The peo-  
ple as a rule shopped early this year  
and the big stocks were some of them  
much reduced as early as Thursday.  
Some were practically sold out and  
late shoppers had to search all over  
town for their purchases and even  
those who failed to help boost busi-  
ness got a share of the general  
prosperity.

The Kentuckian's advertising  
business was very gratifying. In-  
deed the advertisers almost monopol-  
ized several issues even when in-  
creased to twelve pages. Now that  
the rush is over more attention will  
be paid to news features and after  
the first of the year the Kentuckian  
will be made more attractive in ap-  
pearance and improved in many re-  
spects. We shall try to make its  
38th year its best year.